mined prices, and free market forces are expected to keep the prices competitive.

Latest progress position of HBJ Pipeline

2178. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) what is the latest progress position of Hazira-Jagdishpur gas pipeline;

(b) by when it is likely to be completed; and

(c) the estimated cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The project for the expansion of the capacity of the HBJ Pipeline from 18.2 MMSOMD to 33.4 MSCMD is under implementation. The project is scheduled to be completed by July, 1997. The approved project cost is Rs. 2376 crores.

Waiting list for LPG in Gujarat

2179. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons in the country, particularly in the State of Gujarat are on the waiting lists for domestic LPG connections during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94 and upto June, 1994;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to clear the said waiting lists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The number of waitlisted persons in Gujarat and in the country is as below:—

As on	(Fig. in lakhs) In Gujarat	(Fig. in lakhs) All India
1-4-1993	6.46	101.4
1-4-1994	8.50	114.2

(b) and (c) The waiting period for new LPG connection depends upon the number of persons on the waiting list with the distributors, slack with the distributors and also the annual programme for enrolment of new customers. Efforts are constantly on to release LPG connections to as many applicants and as early as possible, by ensuring higher product availability, through higher production from existing sources, commissioning new production sources and higher imports.

मध्य प्रदेश में औद्योगिक एककों के लिये प्राकृतिक गैस की मांग और आपूर्ति

2180. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के विभिन्न हिस्सों में स्थित उर्वरक संयंत्रों, औद्योगिक एककों और विद्युत उत्पादन क्षेत्र के लिए प्राकृतिक गैस की वास्तविक मांग क्या है ;

(ख) सरकार द्वारा राज्य को उसकी वास्तविक मांगों की तुलना में कितनी प्राकृतिक गैस की आपूर्ति की जा रही है ;

(ग) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने अपने विद्युत उत्पादन संयंत्रों के लिये बाम्बे हाई और एच बी जे पाइपलाइन से प्रकृतिक गैस की कोई मांग की है ;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इस प्रस्ताव पर सकारात्मक रूख अपनाया है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो सरकार इस संबंध में ठोस कदम कब तक उठाएगी ?